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COMMUNIST DIRECTION OF THE 15 JANUARY MEETING  
AT THE UNIVERSITY AND THE MARCH TO THE PRESI-  
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1. THE STUDENT MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PANAMA ON THE NIGHT  
OF 15 JAN 64 WAS COMPLETELY CONTROLLED BY THE PARTIDO DEL PUEBLO  
(PDP, PEOPLES PARTY - COMMUNIST), AND WAS WELL PLANNED AND  
EXECUTED. AT THE UNIVERISTY, THE FOLLOWING PERSONS SPOKE IN  
THE ORDER LISTED:  
ELIGIO SALAS, CESAR CARRASQUILLA, HUMBERTO HARRIS, ADOLFO AHUMADA,  
HONORIO HUMBERTO, VICTOR AVILA.

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2. THE FIRST THREE SPEAKERS VIOLENTLY ATTACKED THE NATIONAL GUARD (GN), PRESIDENT ROBERTO CHIARI, AND THE COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY (CDNS). THE GN WAS ATTACKED FOR NOT TAKING PART IN THE FIGHT AGAINST U.S. FORCES DURING THE BORDER CLASHES OF 9 JANUARY 64, AND FOR JAILING STUDENTS. THE CDNS WAS ATTACKED AS BEING UNDER EXCESSIVE INFLUENCE BY CATHOLICS.

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[REDACTED] DURING THESE SPEECHES, THERE WERE MANY SHOUTS OF "YANKEE GO HOME" AND THREATS TO MARCH ON THE CANAL ZONE.

3. AHUMADA GAVE A WELL PREPARED, SOUNDLY REASONED SPEECH, CALMING THE GROUP. HE SAID THAT THEY HAD TO BACK CHIARI BECAUSE THEY LACKED WEAPONS AND ORGANIZATION TO DO OTHERWISE. HE RECOMMENDED AN ORDERLY MARCH TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. AVILA THEN SPOKE BRIEFLY AND THE MARCH TO THE PALACE BEGAN.

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4. [REDACTED] COMMENTS: MEETINGS OF THIS TYPE ARE SKILLFULLY MANEUVERED TO PERMIT THE COMMUNIST LEADERS TO MAINTAIN STRONG PROMINENT POSITIONS DURING THIS PERIOD, WITH THE EVENTUAL OBJECTIVE OF ASSUMING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT. A MARCH ON THE CANAL ZONE ON 15 JAN MIGHT HAVE LED TO BLOODSHED AND THE POSSIBLE IMPRISONMENT OF COMMUNISTS BY THE GOVERNMENT.)

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